

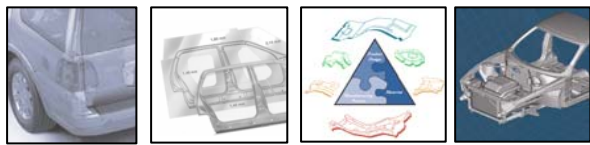
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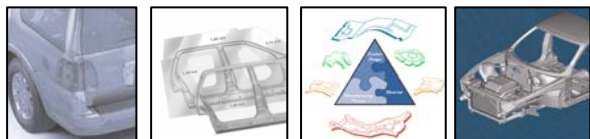
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- Sheet Steel Fatigue
- High-Strength Steel Stamping
- Hydroform Materials and Lubricants
- Advanced High-Strength Steel Joining
- Tribology



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# Sheet Steel Fatigue

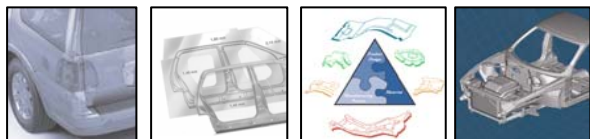
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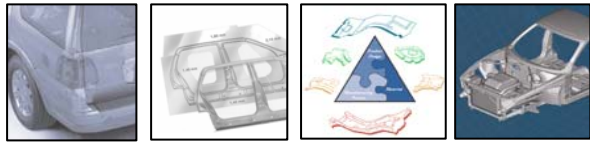
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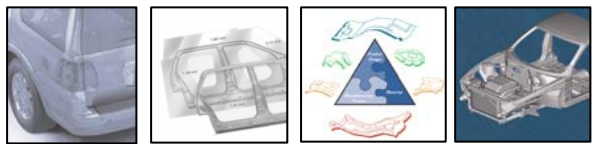


- Support vehicle lightweighting initiatives.
- Determine the fatigue characteristics of:
  - Sheet steels
  - Spot welds
  - Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welds
  - Lasers welds
- Evaluate and validate predictive methodologies for durability assessment.



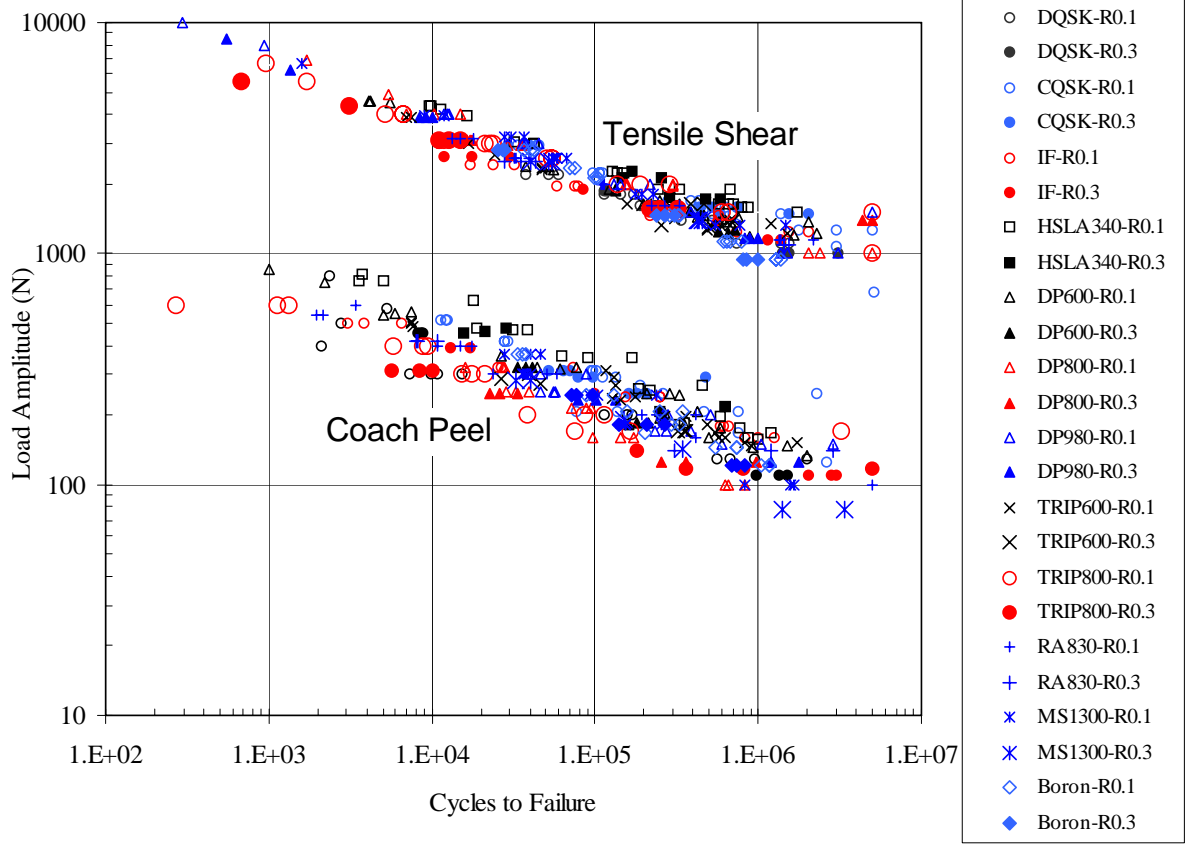
- Fabricate welded coupons from multiple grades and gages of AHSS.
- Conduct thorough fatigue testing on AHSS welded joints to determine:
  - Mechanical properties of welds
  - Fatigue responses from welds
  - Effects of geometric variation of welds on weld durability
- Investigate durability issues:
  - Dissimilar metals spot welding
  - Structural adhesives
  - Multiple spot-weld architecture

# SHEET STEEL FATIGUE PROJECT RESULTS



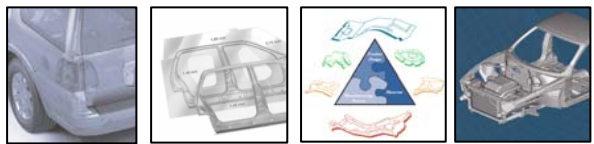
## Resistance Spot Weld (RSW) Testing

- Designed and fabricated RSW fatigue test specimens from mild steel and ultra high strength boron steel.
- Completed testing of spot welds. Placed online the knowledge base developed from the results.
- Completed a detailed study of the effect of geometric parameters on fatigue life of spot welded specimens.



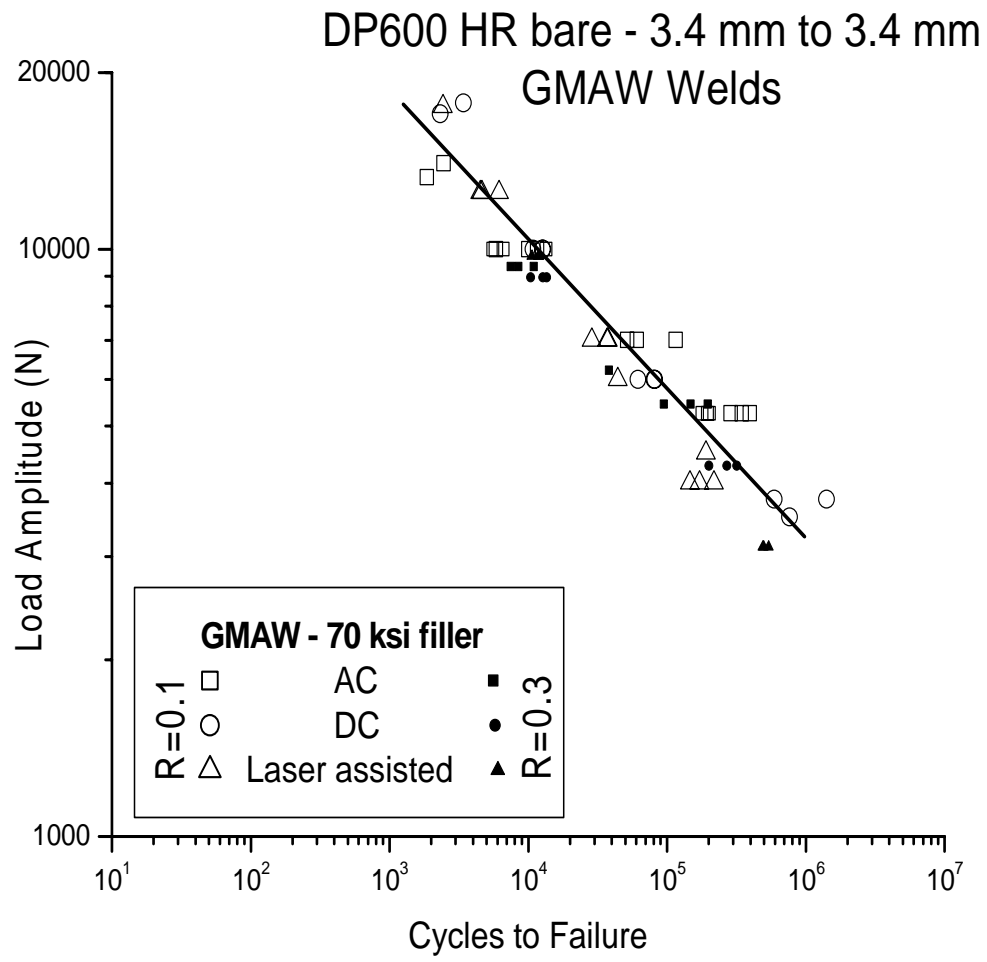
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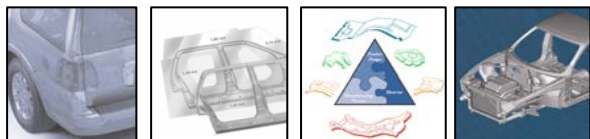
## PROJECT RESULTS



### MIG / Laser Weld Testing

- Completed fatigue testing of MIG welded specimens created by the Joining Technologies Team (ASP-070)
- Developed a specification for fabricating MIG and Laser welded specimens
- Completed weld fatigue testing of single-lap shear, double lap shear and perch-mount MIG weld specimens



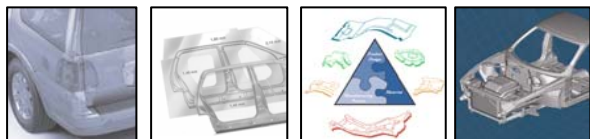


# SHEET STEEL FATIGUE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

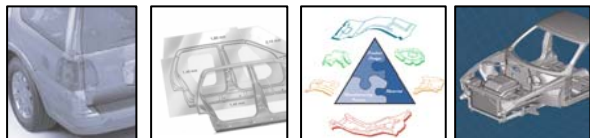
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- Spot weld data available on member website
- A/SP report on spot weld project
- SAE paper & presentation
- Testing and analysis on weld fatigue completed on Joining Technology Team weld fatigue specimens
- IABC paper written on spot and GMAW welded specimens
- GDIS 2007 presentation on spot weld work.





- Investigation of:
  - Laser seam welds.
  - Effects of large amounts of cold work (stretch) on base metal fatigue.
  - Spot-welded (multi-weld) structural testing.



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# High-Strength Steel Stamping

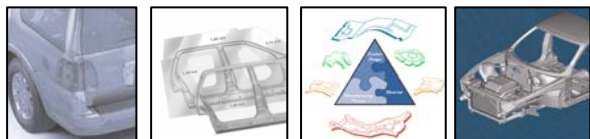
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# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING

## PROJECT GOALS

- Evaluate springback prediction capability.
- Validate die processes and part features for best part quality in AHSS:
  - Minimum springback/curl/twist.
  - Minimum wrinkling.
  - Improved Dimensional accuracy.
- Assess impact of AHSS on press force/energy requirements.
- Develop product/process design guidelines for AHSS.
- Characterize fracture behaviors of AHSS during stamping to guide stamping processes and steel development.

# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING PROJECT DELIVERABLES

## Experiments and Springback Measurements

### Formed Dual-Phase Rail Panel

Panel after draw process

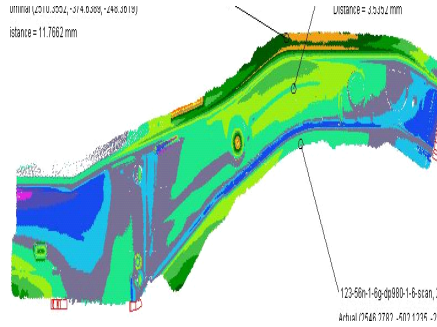


Panel after trimming process

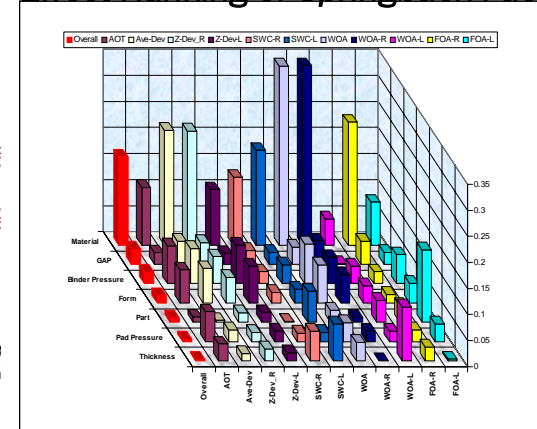


Datum points

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## Effect Ranking of Springback Factors



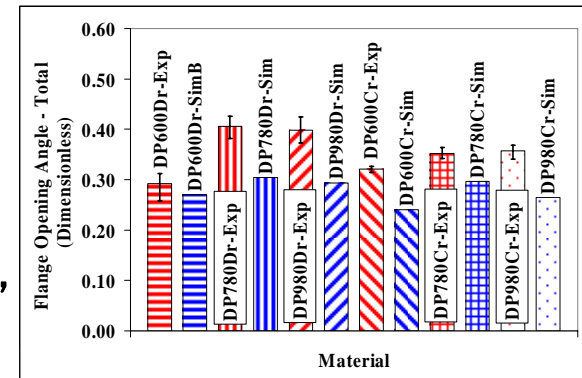
## Validation of springback predictability

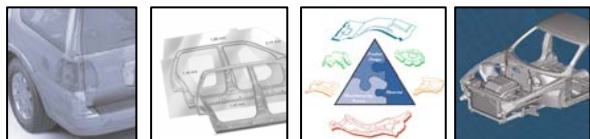
- LS-Dyna simulation

### Conclusion:

- Springback increased with the material strength.
- Draw form process produced more springback than the crash form process.
- Overall, reasonably good prediction accuracy was obtained, especially for DP600 parts.

## Correlation Sim. Vs. Exp.





# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING

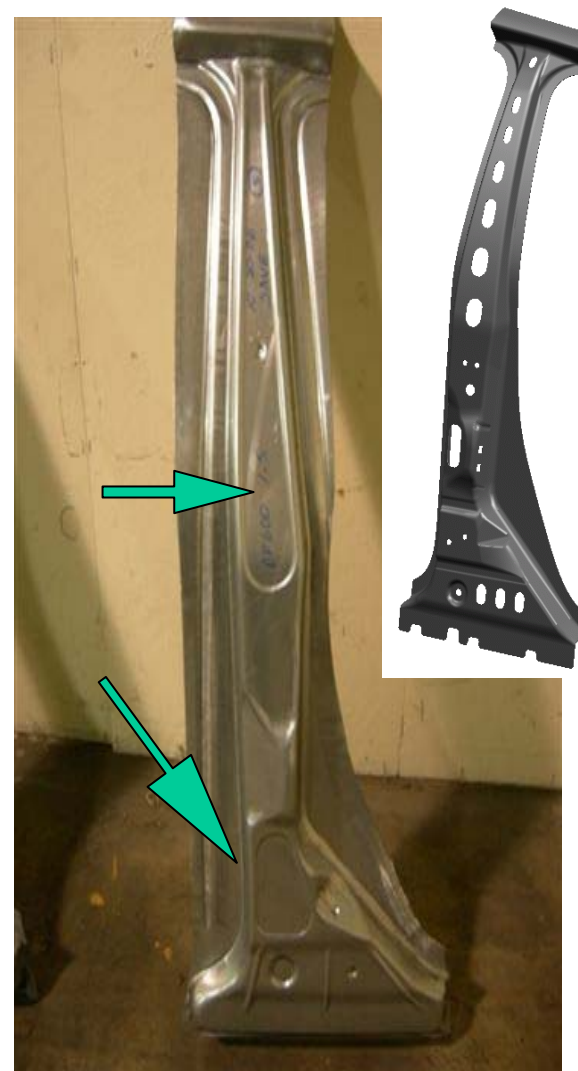
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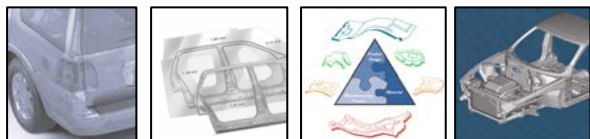
Several features added to enable stamping in DP780.

- Changes to product shape to take up excess metal.
- Features added to stiffen part.

Split/fracture free stampings made from both DP780 and DP980.

Phase II: Dimensional evaluation and evaluate computer guided compensation to re-cut die.





# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING

## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- EWI/OSU project – ongoing three year project.
  - Characterization, Draw Bend Formability (DBF) testing and fracture criteria development.
- Modified “15-flange Die” for use in evaluating stretch-flanging capability of DP materials.
  - Demonstrated equations provided by B. Levy March 2007 report to be a good starting point for modeling.
- Next steps include:
  - Improved evaluation of microstructure effects.
  - Include effect of shear-affected zone caused during trimming.
  - Optimize process for best edge-stretchability and maximum tool life.



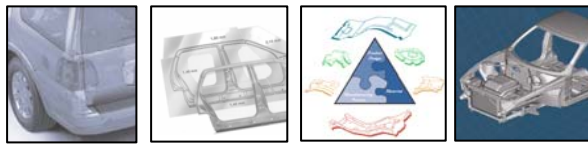
DP980 – 1mm flange



DP980 – 5mm flange

# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING

## PROJECT RESULTS



### Advanced High-Strength Steel Product and Process Application Guidelines

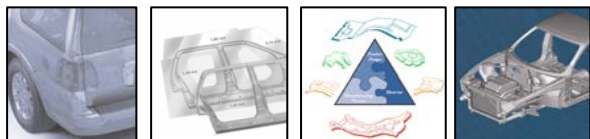
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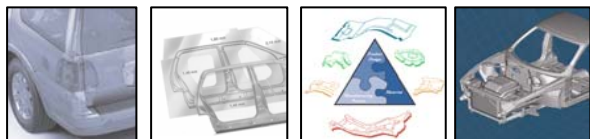
Case Study Summary #7			
Part Name: Reinfr.-Ctr. Pillar Ctr. Upr.	Material/Grade: DP 550/1000	Thickness: 1.5mm	
Coating: Uncoated	URL for Full Case Study: <a href="http://www.a-sp.org/publications.htm">www.a-sp.org/publications.htm</a>		
Spring-back/Twist Countermeasures: Overbend, overcrown and added depressions in areas of metal compression.			
Manufacturing Process			
No. of Dies: 1	Prog. Die		
Diagrams / Illustrations			
<b>Part Geometry</b>   Progression layout - 13 stages		<b>Forming Simulation</b>  Parts formed R&L Col. in a Progressive Die.	
<b>Die construction considerations</b>   Waves caused by compressed metal on flange Overcrown affected flange springback.  Radius fracture due to small 1T bend radius. 3T required.		<b>Product Design Notes</b> DP 1000 does not compress well. Metal take up depressions should be added when compression exceeds 3%. 3T UG of metal minimum bend radius required for DP 1000.	
<b>Die Construction and Tryout Information</b> Overcrown at top of part will affect springback of side flange.  Provide 15° open wall angle in die setup to allow for springback compensation in the flange die. Flange steels must be coated. Vanadium Carbide process. No thermal issues with die running 40 SPM with mill oil lube. Avoid placing trim by-pass notches in stretch areas of flange. Robust die sections required with heels and keys for thrust. Trim square to metal surface whenever possible.			





- Successful “proof of concept” for cutting edge applications.
  - DP980 for B-pillar inner panels (not just reinforcements).
  - DP780 & DP980 for complicated rear longitudinal rails.
- New production applications contain key product features identified in this project.
  - Equinox B-pillar reinforcement.
- Documented improvements in correlation of math models of springback with experimental results.





# HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL STAMPING

## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

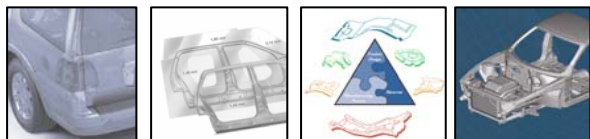
**Support of AHSS Applications Guidelines Project:**

AHSS Case Studies at <http://www.a-sp.org/publications.htm>

**Technical Papers:**

Chrysler rear rail springback correlation study for NUMIFORM.

- Numiform 2007 Conference, Aveiro, Portugal.
- MS&T'07 Conference at COBO Center, Detroit, Michigan
- Forming tonnage study for 2007 SAE Congress in Detroit, Michigan.



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# Hydroform Materials and Lubricant

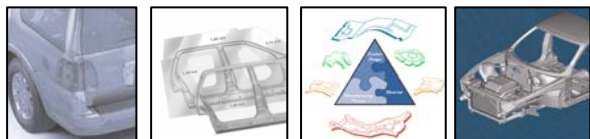
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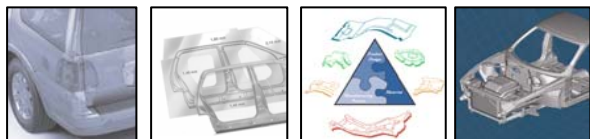
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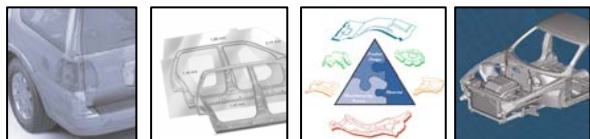




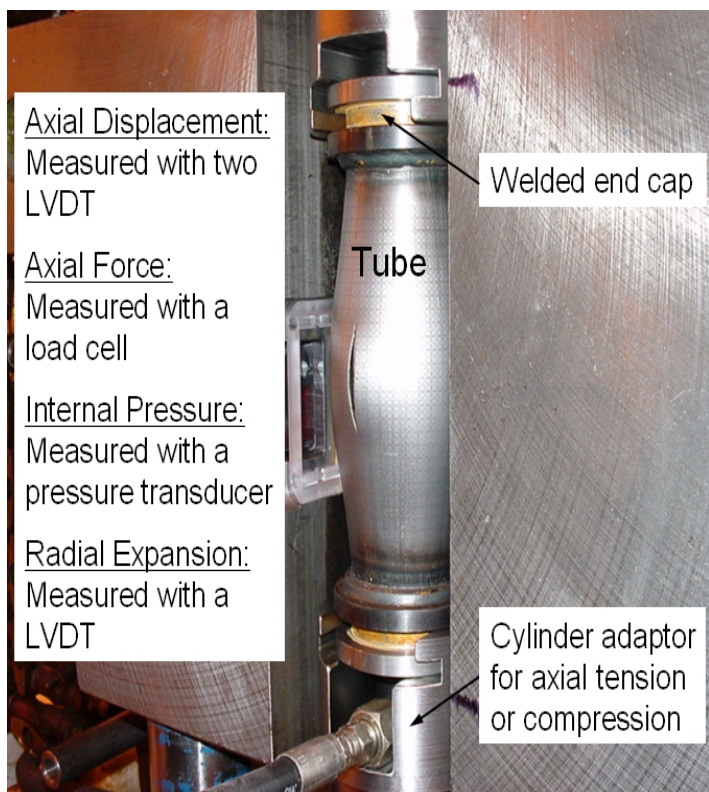
- Explore design, manufacturing and material implications/limitations of tubular hydroforming using advanced high-Strength steel (AHSS).
- Develop in-depth understanding of critical issues pertaining to fabrication of tubes from AHSS.
- Improve advanced CAE tools to streamline hydroforming process design.
- Facilitate the adoption of cutting-edge hydroforming applications in vehicle structures.



- Fabricate Tailor Welded Tubes (TWTs) from various grades and gauges of AHSS.
- Using instrumented test facilities, conduct expansion tests of the AHSS TWTs to determine forming limits of roll-formed and seam-welded tubes.
- Shape and hydroform the AHSS TWTs to develop manufacturing guidelines.



### Experimental Forming Limits of Steel Tubes

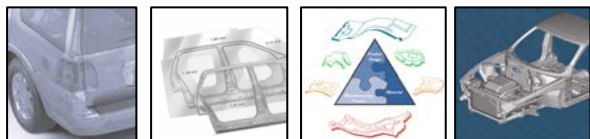


Testing procedures to obtain representative mechanical properties of tubes.

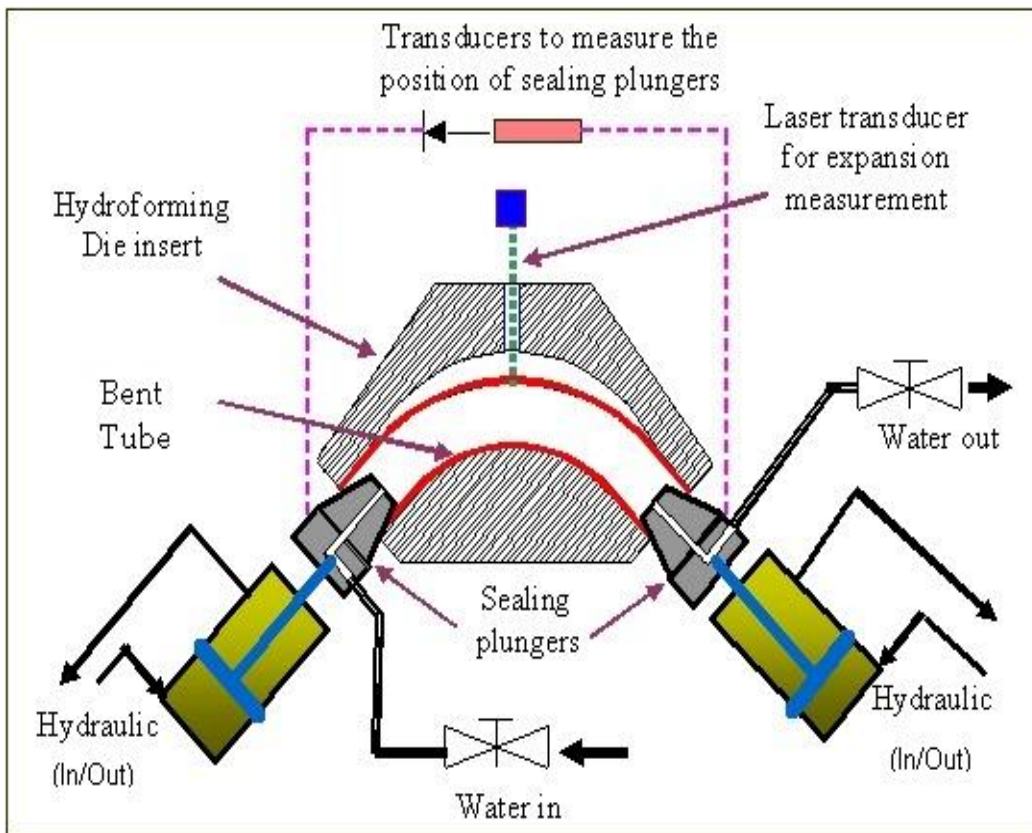
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Forming Limit Diagram for tube hydroforming.

- ***Delivered***



### Influence of Bending Parameters on the Hydroforming of IF and DP600 Tubes

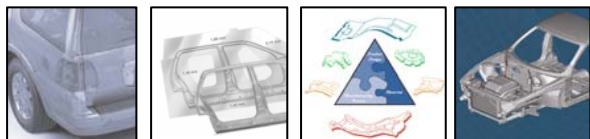


A study on the influence of lubricants and the tube bending process on subsequent hydroforming operations.

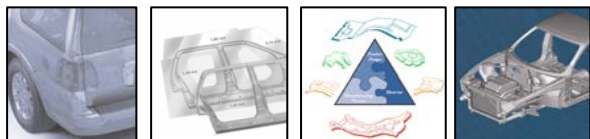
- ***Experimental work complete.***

Forming characteristics of tailor welded tubes.

- ***Experimental work complete.***

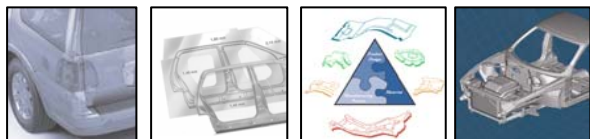


- Engineering reports and presentations placed on A/SP website.
  - Experimental Forming Limits of Steel Tubes
  - Influence of Bending on Hydroforming of IF and DP-600 Tubes
  - FEA Report on Lightweight Front Rail Formability Study
- Ongoing experimental results placed on member's-only area of A/SP website.
- SAE 2009 World Congress technical paper.
- Media relations and public opportunities.



- Continue fabrication of AHSS Hydroform TWT Lightweight Front Rails (LWFES concept).
  - Bending trials in process-having difficulties.
  - Hydroform tools built.
- Stress and Strain Measurements under Non-Linear Loading through Tube Fracture for Improved Modeling and Prediction.
  - Project definition and RFQ in process.
- Investigation of Fabricating DP and TRIP Steel Tube from an ERW Production Line.
  - Project initiated with CANMET





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# Advanced High-Strength Steel Joining

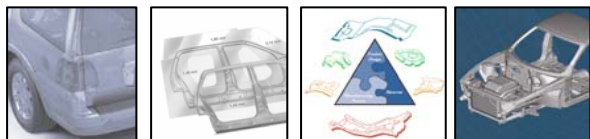
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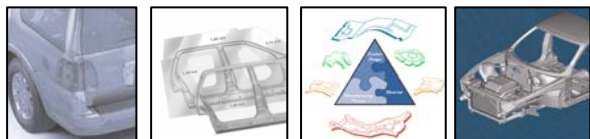
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- Provide welding and joining expertise to support A/SP project teams in developing lightweight automotive body structures.
- Supplement existing welding and joining technical knowledge with applied research to facilitate an increased use of AHSS.
- Utilize A/SP research data to prepare industry weldability and weld quality acceptance standards.



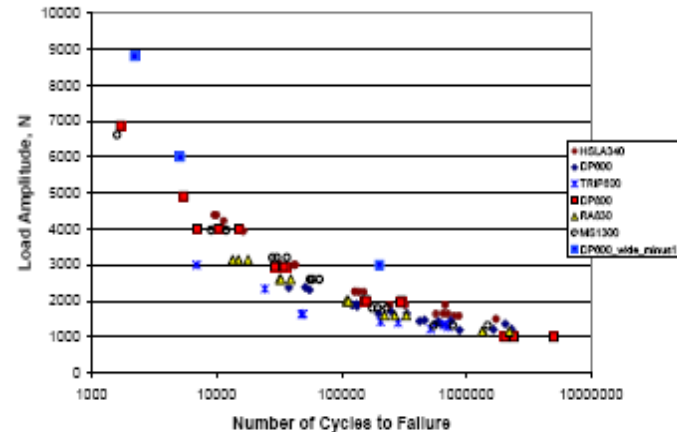
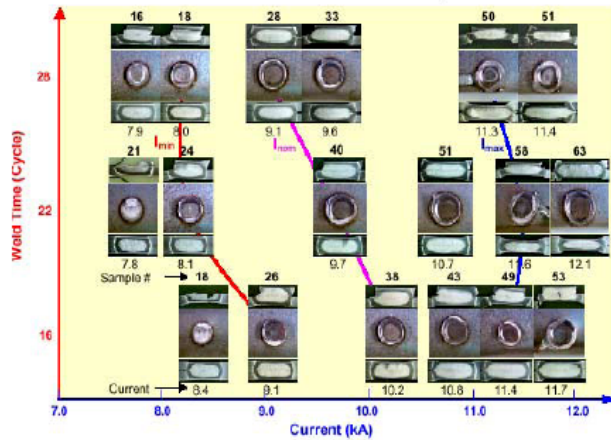
- Provide welding process parameters and weld strength data to facilitate increased use of Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS) in automotive structures.
- Publish common industry standards for weld quality acceptance.
- Publish common industry test methods for evaluating the weldability of automotive sheet steel materials.
- Assess manufacturing feasibility of joining AHSS with single sided processes, projection welding and drawn arc stud welding.

# ADVANCED HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL JOINING

## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

### Completed Investigation of Resistance Welding Performance of Advanced High-Strength Steels Design of Experiment.

MS-1300CRS Test 1-11-1, C Gun



TENSILE SHEAR TEST RUN SHEET # 1 OF 4															
Coupon number	Coupon Type	Factor Settings			Weld Schedule		Weld Responses								
		Button Diameter	Hold time	Tap	%Ht. or %Curr.	Current (kA)	Prog./Act	Indent - side 1 (MM)	Indent - side 2 (MM)	Peak Load (kN)	Energy (J)	Fracture Face (AWS)	Pre-Test Cracks	Post-Test Cracks	Extras held by:
A. Install new caps as per AWS D8.9															
B. Condition caps as per AWS D8.9, using 22 cycles weld time, and the same force as used in DP600 Lobe work															
C. Setup schedule to achieve the button diameter requirement at the hold time specified															
D. PERMANENTLY identify each sample (use scribing tool)															
E. Weld & distribute each sample into a container and ready for shipment to appropriate supplier															
1	Met work	4.9	90	1	46%	11.5	0.04	0.11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES
2	Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.4	0.05	0.05	4.97	28.88	7	NO	NO	RES	
3	Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.4	0.04	0.04	12.29	23.13	7	NO	NO	RES	
4	Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.4	0.06	0.08	-	32.69	7	NO	NO	RES	
5	Extra Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.3	0.05	0.08	13.97	18.54	7	NO	NO	RES	
6	Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.4	0.06	0.06	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
7	Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.3	0.05	0.06	13.20	16.50	7	NO	NO	RES	
8	Extra Impact	4.9	90	1	46%	11.3	0.06	0.09	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
9	Met work	4.9	90	1	46%	11.5	0.05	0.12	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
10	Met work	4.9	90	1	44%	11.9	0.01	0.02	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
11	Static	4.9	90	1	44%	10.9	0.06	0.04	11.22	22.02	7	NO	NO	RES	
12	Static	4.9	90	1	44%	10.9	0.06	0.07	11.21	26.26	7	NO	NO	RES	
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14	Extra Static	4.9	90	1	44%	10.9	0.05	0.10	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
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17	Extra Static	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.05	0.06	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
18	Met work	4.9	90	1	44%	10.9	0.02	0.02	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
19	Met work	4.9	90	1	44%	10.9	0.02	0.04	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
20	Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.06	0.06	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
21	Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.07	NA	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
22	Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.08	0.06	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
23	Extra Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.7	0.07	0.06	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
24	Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.05	0.09	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
25	Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.7	0.06	0.07	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
26	Extra Fatigue	4.9	90	1	44%	10.8	0.05	0.05	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	RES	
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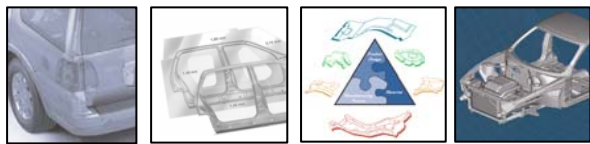
## RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS

### Part I - Peak Load

- In general, high loading rate (A) results in high peak load, which could be related to the strain-rate effect of the tested materials. Exceptions are Materials 09 and 10. Material 09 is not sensitive to loading rate, and Material 10 has a negative loading rate effect which indicates that a high loading rate produces a lower peak load. Among the materials tested, Materials 07 and 11 are most (positively) sensitive to the loading rate.
- Increasing weld button size (B) dramatically increases the peak load for most of the materials. The responses of Materials 07, 09, and 11 are not as strong as other materials.
- Hold time (C) has in general positive effects on peak load. The effects are not as significant as for the loading rate and button diameter, and Materials 05, 06, and 09 are not sensitive to the hold time.
- The interactions of factors are generally weak or negligible.

Mat No.	Effects						
	A	B	C	AB	AC	BC	ABC
0J	+	+++	+	O	O	O	O
2A	++	+++	+	O	O	O	+
3A	+	+++	++	+	+	+	+
05	++	+++	O	O	O	O	O
06	++	+++	O	O	O	O	O
07	+++	+	++	O	+	O	O
08	+	+++	++	+	O	O	O
09	O	++	O	O	O	O	O
10	--	+++	+	---	-	+	-
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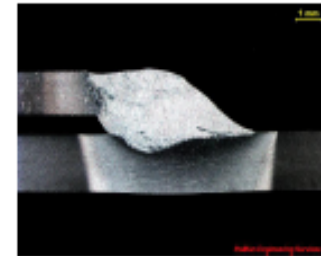
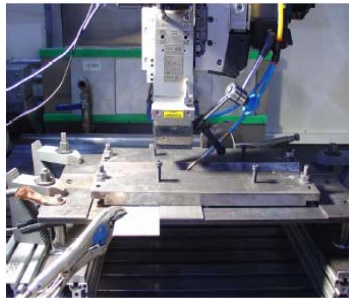
For each material, the peak load and energy are analyzed as functions of loading rate, button diameter, and hold time.



# ADVANCED HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL JOINING

## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

### Completed Study of Single Sided Weld Processes for Joining Advanced High-Strength Steel.



MIG AC Welding Material Combination 8

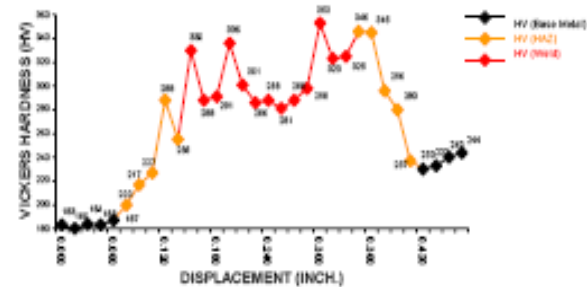
Parameter	Value
Travel speed	30 ipm (762 mm/min)
Wire Spec	ER90S-D2
MIG current	120A
Wire feed rate	290 in/min (7.37 m/min)
Weld Volta	21 V
Gap (engineered)	

	Tensile shear Strength	
	Load kN	Energy J
Min	33.10	100.02
Average	33.37	105.59
Max	33.64	112.46

	Impact Strength	
	Load kN	Energy J
Min	53.1	467.9
Average	66.4	495.1
Max	104.1	508.7



VICKERS HARDNESS CHART

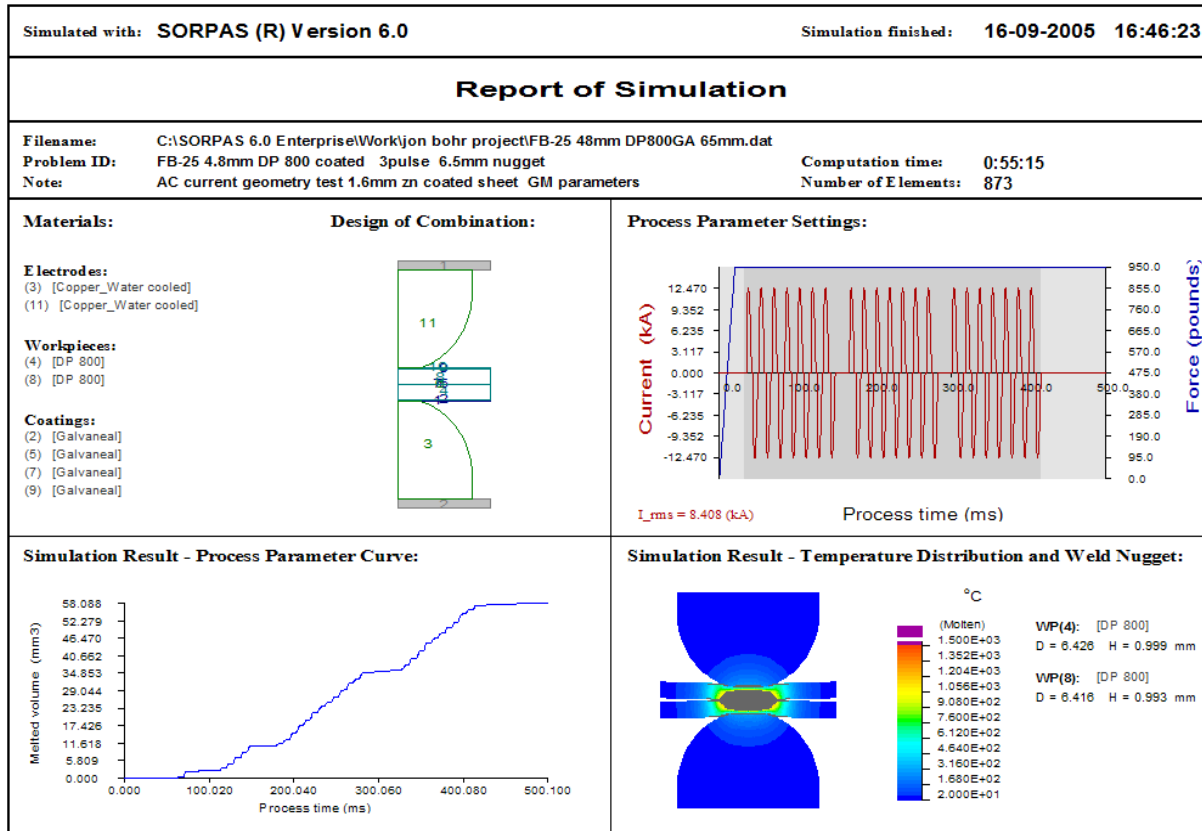


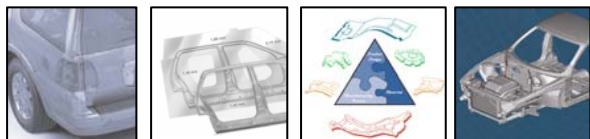
# ADVANCED HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL JOINING

## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Investigated the use of process finite element modeling to predict weld quality characteristics and optimize weld process parameters for resistance spot welding of AHSS.

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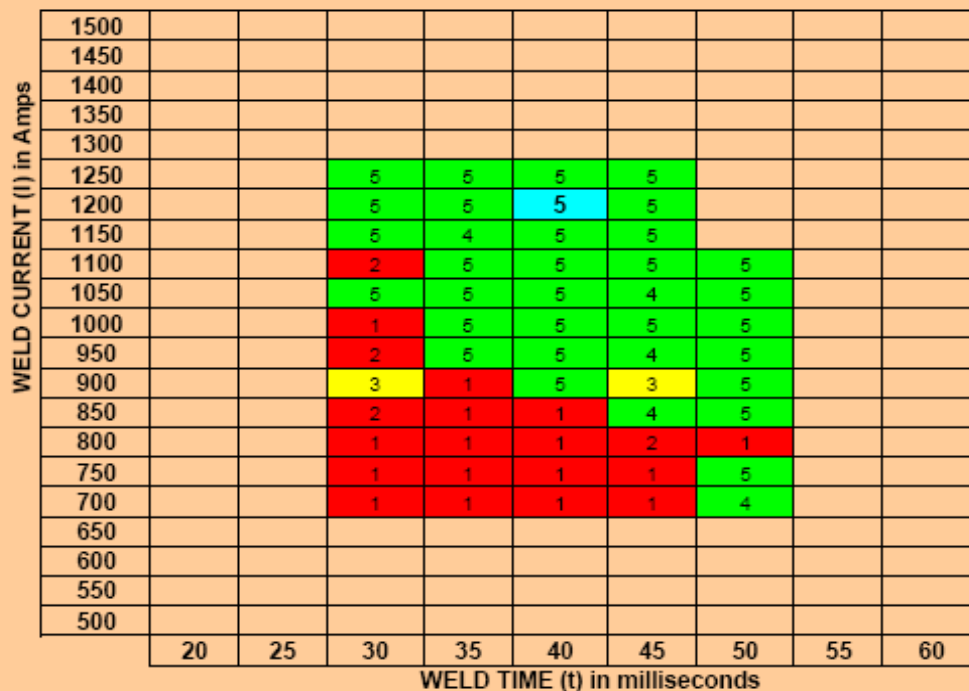
## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

### Weld Lobe Development and Assessment of Weldability of Common Automotive Fasteners (Studs and Nuts) to AHSS Using the Drawn Arc Welding Process

#### AUTO STEEL PARTNERSHIP - DRAWN-ARC WELDING STUDY 2006



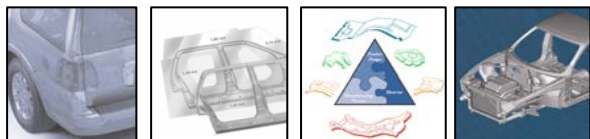
**FASTENER DESCRIPTION:** M6 Stud/Nut  
**FASTENER PLATING:** Zinc-Nickel  
**EMHART FASTENER PART#:** 39050  
**BASE MATERIAL TYPE:** DP980  
**BASE MATERIAL PLATING:** Galvaneal  
**BASE MATERIAL THICKNESS:** 1.0 mm



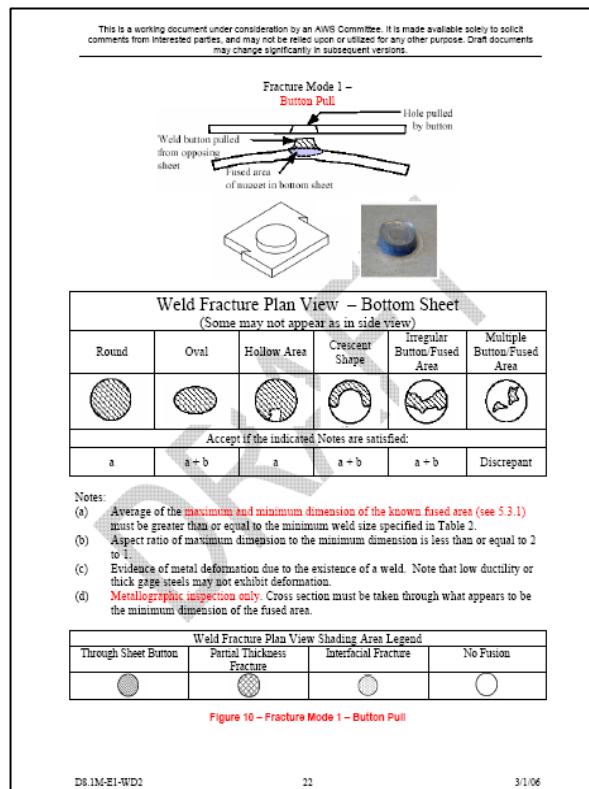
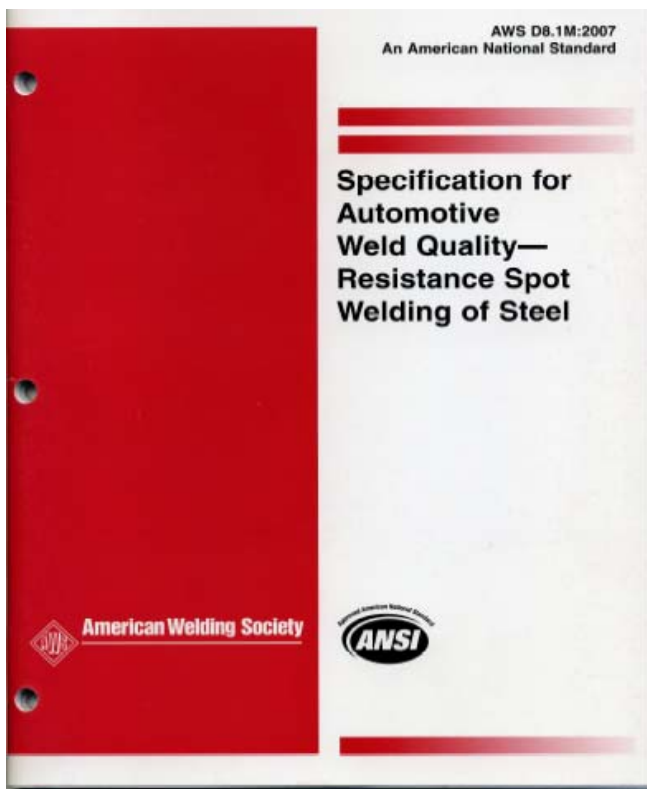
**EQUIPMENT**  
 DCE 1500 WELD CONTROL  
 ETF12 FEEDER  
 LM WELD HEAD

**WELD PROGRAMMING**  
**PARAMETERS**  
 LIFT 1.20mm  
 PENETRATION -1.8 mm  
 START DELAY 250ms  
 Varc PILOT LIMIT 15.0V to 33.0V  
 Varc WELD LIMIT 15.0V to 33.0V  
 WELD TIME +/- 8ms  
 WELD CURRENT +/- 30Amps  
 STUD NEGATIVE POLARITY

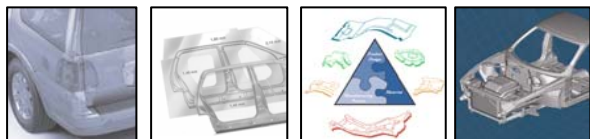




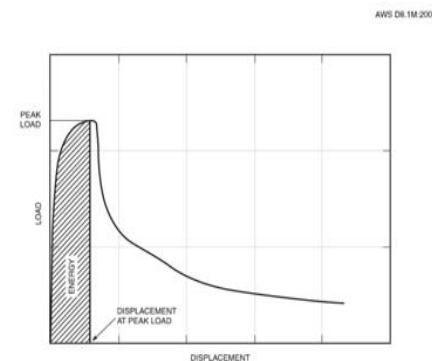
### A/SP Task Group Prepared AWS D8.1M: 2007 Standard for Resistance Spot Weld Acceptance Criteria.







- Joint Efficiency Project
  - Welds/joints/bonds on lap-shear coupons to generate tensile test (load-displacement) curves.
  - Five grades of steel to quantify joint efficiencies of forty joining and bonding methods.
- LME and Hot Cracking Susceptibility
  - Sigmajig testing of AHSS
- Procedure for RSW Characterization
  - AWS D8.9 Procedure for AHSS
- GMAW Weld Design Guideline



GMAW Weld Design Guideline  
for Chassis Structures

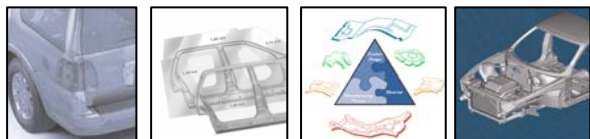


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- Technical presentations and reports are presented to the Joining Technology Team and placed on [www.a-sp.org](http://www.a-sp.org), for team member access and distribution.



- Selected projects presented at AWS Sheet Metal Welding Conference, International Auto Body Congress and the Material Sciences & Technology Conference.
- Presentations and exhibit at GDIS.
- The A/SP prepared industry standards are published by AWS/ANSI.
- Final reports are available on the public side of the A/SP website



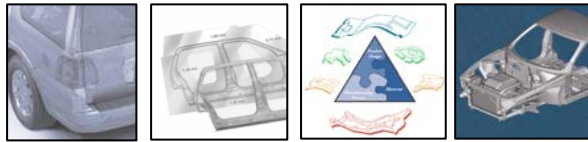
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# Tribology

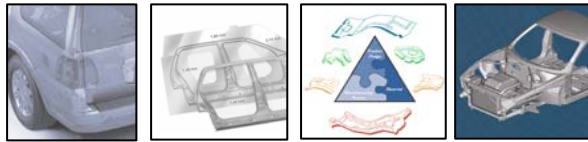
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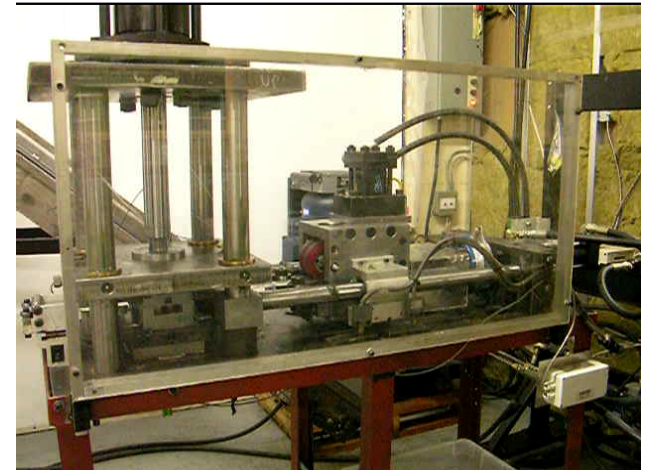
- Investigate the influence of lubricants, die treatments , and designs on reducing the wear when using Advanced High Strength Steels (AHSS)
- Assess variables such as coefficient of friction, sheet metal grade and thickness, die material grade and coating, Temperature, and restraining forces on die wear.
- Use draw bead penetrations and parameters in the Continuous Wear Test (CWT) to model production practices.
- Testing materials using design of experiments methods will define trends and increase accuracy of model.



- Complete wear studies involving:
  1. Steel strength levels and coatings.
  2. Die (draw bead) material and coating.
  3. Lubricants.
  4. Die geometry.
  5. Sheet thickness.
- Conduct studies of tool steels used for trim dies.
- Complete One-factor at a time (OFAT) testing examining DP780 & DP980 steel at 100,000 hits.

## TOOL WEAR TEST APPARATUS

- Decoiler
- Coil
- Main Ram
- Pull Cylinder
- Clamp/Cut Ram
- Thermocouples (3)
- Bead inserts
- Load cell



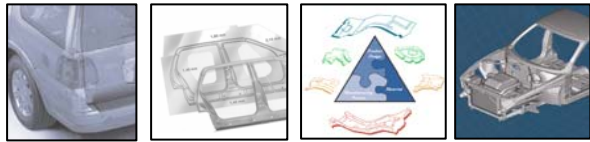
## L16 DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS

Test #	Seq #	Sheet Coating	Base Steel	Bead Radius (mm)	Lube	Bead Coating	Thickness (mm)	Actual Thickness (mm)
1	4	GA	DP600	5	DF	D2	1.2	1.19
2	7	GA	DP600	5	DF	CrN	1.6	1.60
3	16	GA	DP600	7	MO	D2	1.2	1.18
4	8	GA	DP600	7	MO	CrN	1.6	1.60
5	11	GA	HSLA	5	MO	D2	1.6	1.66
6	14	GA	HSLA	5	MO	CrN	1.2	1.21
7	6	GA	HSLA	7	DF	D2	1.6	1.67
8	13	GA	HSLA	7	DF	CrN	1.2	1.21
9	12	GI	DP600	5	MO	D2	1.6	1.57
10	3	GI	DP600	5	MO	CrN	1.2	1.16
11	9	GI	DP600	7	DF	D2	1.6	1.59
12	15	GI	DP600	7	DF	CrN	1.2	1.18
13	2	GI	HSLA	5	DF	D2	1.2	1.20
14	10	GI	HSLA	5	DF	CrN	1.6	1.63
15	1	GI	HSLA	7	MO	D2	1.2	1.21
16	5	GI	HSLA	7	MO	CrN	1.6	1.59

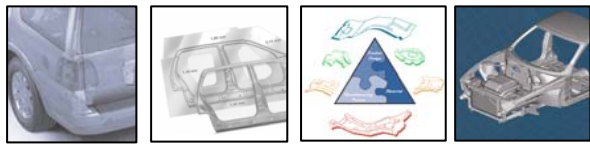
### OFAT Test Specifications

Variable	Expected Low Abrasive Wear	Expected High Abrasive Wear
Sheet Coating	Hot-Dipped Galvanized (GI)	Galvanneal (GA)
Base Steel	HSLA	DP600
Bead Radius	7mm	5mm
Lubricant	Dry Film (DF)	Mill Oil (MO)
Bead Coating	CrN on D2	Uncoated D2
Thickness	1.2 mm	1.6 mm





- Four technical papers scheduled for publication.
- Update A/SP “Procedures for Testing Characteristics of Automotive Sheet Steel Lubricants.”
- Report out the results of OFAT including extended testing (100,000 strokes) of best performing die material/die coating combination.



## ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

- Evaluation of five trim steel/coating combination using DP980 steel.
- Descriptive wear model based on all tribology testing, including galvanneal and hot dip galvanized effect.
- Develop/publish a predictive wear model.
- Continue partnership with NIST on AHSS Tribology issues.